

School Uniform Policy For Stokesley School

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SCHOOL UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

Our school uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school family and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school, and it enhances security, assisting the school to identify individual pupils in order to maintain good order, and to more easily spot those who shouldn't be on the school site.

Smartness and high standards of appearance are expected at all times.

The school believes that a school uniform is important because it:

- looks smart
- wears well
- is cost effective
- contributes to a sense of belonging
- gives a common purpose
- fosters a feeling of pride
- reduces 'fashion competition' between children
- prepares students well for similar demands in the workplace in future years

All children should wear the uniform and we encourage them to maintain an acceptable standard of clean and tidy dress in school. It reflects the needs of the cultural traditions represented at Stokesley School. The uniform list sets out the details of the uniform that we expect students to wear and has been updated to reflect changes from 1st March 2023.

Official supplier (From 1st March 2023):

(Branded / logo uniform items - blazers, ties, PE tops) can be purchased online from the following retailer:

Michael Sehgal and Sons Ltd

Online: www.michaelsehgal.co.uk

Telephone: 0191 230 2320

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday: 10am-4:30pm

Email: sales@michaelsehgal.co.uk



UNIFORM SUPPORT

The academy maintains a stock of second-hand uniform which is available for parents/carers upon request. The academy encourages all parents/carers to donate any outgrown or unwanted uniform items to the school if they are able.

THE CORRECT UNIFORM - SEPTEMBER 2023

Item	Compulsory item	Includes School logo	Notes
*Clip on Tie	✓	✓	Official school tie - attaches to the top of a shirt. See year group colours below.
*Blazer	✓	✓	Black. No other tops / sweatshirts can be worn. In warm weather conditions, blazers will be allowed to be removed at the HT's discretion.
V-Neck Knitted Sweater	✗	✗	Black V-Neck knitted Sweater
Trousers / Skirts	✓	✗ Trousers	Black, formal and full length
		✗ Skirt	Black, pleated, formal, approximately knee length. If a skirt is to be worn, then plain black tights (minimum of 60 denier) must be worn under the skirt.
Shirt	✓	✗	White. Top button always fastened and tucked into skirts and trousers.

***Compulsory items** including school logos should be purchased from our official school uniform supplier (www.michaelsehgal.co.uk). Parents can buy "generic" uniform items e.g. those items which do not include an academy logo - shirts, socks, trousers/skirts, from any retailer e.g. supermarkets.



Tie colours stay with students throughout their 5 years in main school so they do not have to be replaced yearly. The tie colours for each year group (From September 2023) are:

- Year 7 green;
- Year 8 blue;
- Year 9 red;
- Year 10 purple;
- Year 11 orange.

PE KIT

Like our School Uniform, the PE Kit is now supplied by Michael Sehgal's.

Item	Compulsory item	*Includes School logo	Notes
*Polo shirt	✓ Girls	✓	White/Grey/Orange
	✓ Boys	✓	Grey / Orange
Hoody	✗	✗	Plain black
Rugby Top	✗	✗	Plain black rugby shirt
Shorts	✓	✗	Plain black shorts
Leggings	✗	✗	Plain black leggings
Tracksuit bottoms	✗	✗	Plain black tracksuit bottoms

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In addition to the PE Kit shown above all students require:

- Plain white ankle socks (indoor)
- Plain black football socks (outdoor)
- Shin pads
- Towel
- Swimming trunks/shorts (navy or black and above the knee for boys)
- One piece swimming costume (girls)
- Hair fastening, if required
- Black tracksuit bottoms/leggings are optional, with staff permission

The expectations listed above are in place to support students to participate in PE lessons that are as safe and enjoyable as possible. The Health and safety of our students is of paramount importance. Whilst it is an expectation that all students arrive at their PE lessons with the correct kit, If students are unable to provide this, there are always plentiful supplies of extra kit that can be borrowed. We encourage all students/ parents to inform the PE department if they are experiencing any such problem.

The following items are not allowed in school as part of the school uniform policy and expectations

- Non-black belts or overly elaborate, decorative belts.
- Make-up including nail varnish and false nails.
- Tattoos including henna tattoos.
- Trousers or skirts that are modified, other than the bottom of trousers needing to be taken up.
- Tight fitting or legging type trousers are not allowed in school
- Hoodies and sports tops worn as coats and under blazers.
- Head wear including caps (unless specified by school).
- Sunglasses.
- Earrings are not permitted to be worn. The only piece of jewellery students are allowed to wear is a wrist watch
- If students are attending college for the day as part of their education they may come to school in the clothes they need for college. If they are back at school, they should change back into school uniform
- A sturdy bag to carry equipment and books to and from school. School bags that are permitted are rucksacks, shoulder bags and satchels. PE kit may be brought into school in a separate kit bag



Extreme haircuts are banned in school

- Very short hair, less than a blade two.
- Students are not permitted to dye their hair in unnatural colours, this includes bleaching or bright colours.
- Students are not allowed to have tramlines or patterns of any sort shaved into their hair.
- If as a parent you have any query about appropriate hairstyles or cuts, please contact your child's Head of Year before going to a barber or hairdresser.

FOOTWEAR

Whilst in school, sensible plain black school shoes. No trainers, boots, plimsolls, sandals or heels may be worn. There should not be any sizeable logos, any colour or any extravagant adornments on the shoes such as large bows and sequins for example, small, black bows and small black tassels are acceptable.

Examples of acceptable shoes and unacceptable shoes are shown below. In very poor weather conditions (heavy snow or heavy rain), students may come to school in boots. However, when in school and on school grounds school shoes must be worn.

ACCEPTABLE STYLE OF FOOTWEAR





STUDENTS WEARING INCORRECT UNIFORM

Standards of uniform are very high in the school, breaches have reduced over time and are now relatively rare. We have a very clear set of uniform expectations and these are shared with students and parents several times each year. In all instances in which a student is not wearing the appropriate uniform, we support and work with both the student and parents to resolve the problem as it occurs, offering loaned uniform if a family is unable to provide this. Ultimately, if a student refuses to wear our uniform, we follow our behaviour policy to determine the appropriate sanctions.